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**Subject:** RE: Catchment modeling- Upper Animas

For EPA to use Mr. He it would be through SERAS. I think they are wrapping up placing him on staff – but this is not yet final. In addition to Henry He's time, there are contractual aspects involved – such as WA (I think in this case we could consider this an emergency), WPs, QAPP.

**From:** Powell, Dan  
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**To:** Dymont, Stephen; Bussey, Donald  
**Cc:** Jefferson, Matthew; Heimerman, Jeffrey; Johnson, Cheryl  
**Subject:** RE: Catchment modeling- Upper Animas

Do you want to do this through SERAS? Can you give me a cost estimate? We may have to wait until Tuesday when Cheryl returns. I am out next week, but she can push the PR through with Jeff as my proxy. I definitely would like Matt to participate since we have talked about doing a surface water CSM at a site (we were originally thinking about Carson River). Cheryl, you can take the money out of Line 243 As I think we have considerable funds there. Matt will have to allocate the rest when he returns.

Thanks,

Dan

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**From:** Dyment, Stephen  
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**To:** Powell, Dan; Bussey, Donald  
**Cc:** Jefferson, Matthew; Heimerman, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** Catchment modeling- Upper Animas

Dan,

I left you a voicemail earlier and just tried Matt but he is out of the country for another week. I called Jeff too just to chat because he is aware of the new catchment water modeling capabilities under SERAS. The RPM for the upper Animas approached me several days prior to the Gold King Mine incident we are currently dealing with in R8, R6, and R9 and wanted to discuss development of a CSM. We talked again yesterday and I also briefly spoke with Henry He who is working through Don Bussey and SERAS to provide the catchment water modeling service.

I think this might be a good opportunity to try out the catchment modeling approach. I need to

get with Don Bussey to see what he thinks this might cost but according to my discussions with Henry He they can produce these models in just a few days. I'm hoping this can be a joint venture between TIFSD and ORD/R8 to try this on a site where the RPM desperately needs to begin developing a preliminary CSM and the watershed approach may prove valuable for looking at the hundreds of others mines, adits, tailings, and other mine infrastructure that exist up there. Armed with this as a starting point I'm hoping that we can better utilize all the data at the RPMs disposal and have an improved understanding of the surface and groundwater flow regimes in the basin such that we can optimize future sampling and remediation efforts.

Please contact me ASAP if you are interested.

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